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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO BANGLADESH FOR LIVESTOCK

DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING PROJECT

SUMMARY: ADB PRESIDENT HAS APPROVED \$56,000 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) GRANT AS PART OF \$111,000 JOINT ADB/FAO UNDERTAKING TO FORMULATE A LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING PROJECT. END SUMMARY.

1. ADB PRESIDENT ON AUGUST 29 APPROVED \$56,000 TA GRANT TO GOVT OF BANGLADESH (GOB). PROCEEDS WILL FIANCE 50 PERCENT OF FOREX COSTS OF REMUNERATION, PER DIEM, TRAVEL AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES. ALSO THE BANK WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 10 PERCENT OF REMUNERATION AS BANK'S CONTRIBUTION TO FAO ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. FAO WILL PROVIDE REMAINING \$50,000 IN FOREX. THE GOB WILL PROVIDE \$5,000 TO COVER LOCAL
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COSTS. PURPOSE OF PROJECT TO BE FORMULATED UNDER TA IS TO:

1) PROVIDE TRAINING FOR GOVERNMENT STAFF CONCERNED WITH ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, 2) STRENGTHEN SERVICES FOR LIVESTOCK SECTOR, AND 3) PROMOTE EXPANSION OF POULTRY PRODUCTION.

2. LIVESTOCK CONTRIBUTE ABOUT FIVE PERCENT OF GDP. LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS WHICH ARE DIRECTLY SOLD INCLUDE MEAT, EGGS,

BUFFALO HIDES AND SKINS. LIVESTOCK ALSO PLAY VITAL ROLE IN PROVIDING DRAFT POWER FOR AGRICULTURE AND ARE SIGNIFICANT AS SOURCE OF ANIMAL PROTEIN. HOWEVER, ANIMAL PROTEIN ONLY CONTRIBUTES ABOUT 7.5 PERCENT OF TOTAL AVAILABLE PROTEIN. THERE IS INCREASING NEED FOR DRAFT ANIMALS IN PRODUCTION OF BASIC FOODSTUFFS FOR RAPIDLY INCREASING HUMAN POPULATION. HOWEVER, OUT OF TOTAL AREA OF 35 MILLION ACRES NET CROP AREA IS ABOUT 22 MILLION, LEAVING LITTLE GRAZING LAND AVAILABLE TO CATTLE POPULATION OF 22 MILLION HEAD. MOREOVER, FEED BASE FOR ANIMALS IS BEING ERODED BY INCREASING CROPPING INTENSITY AND USE OF FORMER FALLOW LANDS FOR CULTIVATION.

3. SINCE LITTLE CAN BE DONE IN SHORT RUN TO IMPROVE FEED AVAILABILITY, GENETIC POTENTIAL OF LIVESTOCK OR LIVESTOCKS MANAGEMENT METHODS, THE KEY ELEMENT IN IMPROVING LIVESTOCK SITUATION IN BANGLADESH IS TRAINING WHICH IS MAJOR THRUST OF PROPOSED PROJECT. PRINCIPAL NEED IS FOR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL WORKERS AND TECHNICIANS WHO WILL OPERATE AT FIELD LEVEL.

4. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION MISSION VISITED BANGLADESH FEBRUARY - MARCH 1977, AT WHICH TIME GOB PROPOSED PROJECT TA TO ESTABLISH AND EQUIP LIVESTOCK TRAINING INSTITUTES AND PROMOTE POULTRY DEVELOPMENT. PROPOSAL, WHILE CONSTITUTING BASIS FOR POSSIBLE PROJECT NEEDED FURTHER INVESTIGATION INTO A NUMBER OF TECHNICAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ORDER TO PREPARE VIABLE PROJECT. IN PARTICULAR MANPOWER REQUIREMENT OF LIVESTOCK AND EXTENSION SERVICES HAVE TO BE EVALUATED IN ORDER TO DETERMINE: 1) TYPE OF TRAINING; 2) NUMBER OF TRAINEES NEEDED, AND 3) SIZE, TYPE AND LOCATION OF TRAINING FACILITIES TO BE ESTABLISHED.

5. PURPOSE OF PROJECT TO BE FORMULATED UNDER TA IS TO PROVIDE TRAINING FACILITIES FOR GOVERNMENT STAFF CONCERNED WITH ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND HEALTH SERVICES, STRENGTHENING OF LIVESTOCK FIELD SERVICES, AND EXPANSION OF POULTRY PRODUCTION. MAIN COMPONENTS OF PROJECT WOULD BE LIVESTOCK TRAINING INSTITUTES, FACILITIES TO SERVICE SMALLHOLDER POULTRY PRODUCTION, FIELD SERVICE STRENGTHENING, CONSULTING SERVICES AND FELLOWSHIPS. TRAINING FACILITIES COMPONENT WOULD INVOLVE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE NEW LIVESTOCK TRAINING FACILITIES AS WELL AS PROVISION OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY LIVESTOCK SERVICE TEAMS AND VETERINARY FIELD STAFF. POULTRY DEVELOPMENT WOULD INVOLVE IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING VILLAGE POULTRY PRODUCTION, GOVERNMENT POULTRY BREEDING FARMS, MARKETING, FEEDING, DISEASE CONTROL AND GENETIC QUALITY OF POULTRY.

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6. OBJECTIVE OF TA IS TO FORMULATE A PROJECT FOR TRAINING AND PRODUCTION IN LIVESTOCK SECTOR WHICH WOULD LEAD TO IMPROVED ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND HEALTH SERVICE TO FARMERS, INCREASED POULTRY PRODUCTION, BETTER DIETS FOR LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE AND INCREASED ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALLHOLDER FARMERS. CONSULTANT TEAM WILL BE COMPRISED OF SIX EXPATRIATE EXPERTS FROM FAO AND ONE LOCAL CONSULTANT. GROUP WILL CONSIST OF TEAM LEADER - LIVESTOCK SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATION, SENIOR HUSBANDRY EDUCATOR, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT EXPERT, ECONOMIST (POULTRY SECTOR), ARCHITECT (LOCALLY RECRUITED) AND WILL SPEND 14 MAN-MONTHS IN PREPARING ITS REPORT.

7. CONSULTANTS WILL RECOMMEND METHODS OF IMPROVING, THE POTENTIAL EXECUTING AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK SERVICE (DLS) WITHIN THE FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND LIVESTOCK DIVISION OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. DLS IS AT PRESENT INADEQUATELY

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STAFFED AND IN PAST HAS NOT RECEIVED ADEQUATE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM GOVERNMENT. VETERINARY AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY SERVICES ARE INADEQUATELY EQUIPPED AND FACILITIES ARE POOR OR NON-EXISTENT. THESE FACTORS, TOGETHER WITH SHORT SUPPLIES OF ESSENTIAL DRUGS HAVE AGGRAVATED ANIMAL HEALTH PROBLEMS. FROM 1973 TO 1977 THE ONLY VETERINARY TRAINING INSTITUTE IN THE COUNTRY DID NOT OPERATE DUE TO ITS OCCUPATION BY THE MILITARY; IT HAS ONLY RECENTLY RESUMED COURSES ON A TEMPORARY BASIS. THERE ARE NO OTHER LIVESTOCK TECHNICAL TRAINING FACILITIES IN THE COUNTRY.

8. TOTAL COST OF TA IS ESTIMATED AT \$111,000 OF WHICH \$103,600 WOULD BE FOREX. LOCAL COST IS ESTIMATED AT \$7,400 OF WHICH \$2,400 WOULD BE USED TO COVER COST OF LOCAL CONSULTANT ARCHITECT. TWELVE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF LOCAL COSTS WILL BE FINANCED FROM ADB'S FOREX CONTRIBUTION. GOB WOULD SPEND EQUIVALENT \$5,000 FOR SALARIES OF COUNTERPART STAFF AND LOCAL SERVICES. COST SHARING ARRANGEMENTS AGREED UPON BY BANK AND FAO IN JUNE 1968 MEMORANDUM WILL APPLY. FOR THIS TA FAO WILL FINANCE \$50,000 AND THE BANK \$56,000.

9. TA SCHEDULED TO START OCTOBER 1977. FIELD WORK ESTIMATED AT SEVEN MONTHS WITH A SEVEN MAN-MONTH FOLLOW-UP AT FAO INVESTMENT CENTER IN ROME.

10. ADB DOC. R87-77 ON ABOVE SUBJECT DATED SEPTEMBER 7. UNDER PARA. 17 OF DOC. R51-77 (TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OPERATIONS), TA PROJECTS IN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$100,000 MAY BE APPROVED BY PRESIDENT AND DO NOT REQUIRE APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
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